

Substitute Senate Bill No. 185

Senate, March 17, 1998. The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. CIOTTO, 9th DIST., Chairman of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FUND FOR PREVENT BLINDNESS CONNECTICUT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 14-42 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof:

4 (a) An application for an operator's license
5 shall be made on blanks furnished by the
6 commissioner. The application blanks shall be in
7 such form and contain such provisions and
8 information as the commissioner may determine.

9 (b) The application blank for an operator's
10 license shall contain a line on which the
11 applicant may state that he has made provision for
12 the donation of a body organ pursuant to sections
13 19a-271 to 19a-280, inclusive. An operator's
14 license issued to a person who has stated that he
15 has made provision for such a donation shall
16 indicate such provision in a conspicuous manner
17 determined by the commissioner in order to enable
18 immediate identification of organ donors.

19 (c) AN APPLICANT FOR AN OPERATOR'S LICENSE
20 MAY CONTRIBUTE ONE DOLLAR OR MORE TO PREVENT
21 BLINDNESS CONNECTICUT, A NOT-FOR-PROFIT
22 ORGANIZATION, BY INDICATING ON THE APPLICATION

23 BLANK IN A MANNER PROVIDED FOR BY THE
24 COMMISSIONER. SUCH CONTRIBUTION SHALL BE ADDED TO
25 THE FEE PAID FOR SUCH LICENSE. THE COMMISSIONER
26 SHALL REVISE THE APPLICATION BLANK TO IMPLEMENT
27 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION. THE
28 COMMISSIONER SHALL INCLUDE IN THE APPLICATION
29 BLANK A DESCRIPTION OF THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THIS
30 COLLECTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS WAS CREATED.

31 (d) A DESIGNATED CONTRIBUTION MADE IN
32 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (c) OF THIS SECTION
33 SHALL BE IRREVOCABLE UPON THE FILING OF AN
34 APPLICATION FOR AN OPERATOR'S LICENSE. THE
35 COMMISSIONER SHALL SUBTRACT THE AMOUNT OF ANY
36 CONTRIBUTION FROM THE FEE COLLECTED FOR THE
37 ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF AN OPERATOR'S LICENSE AND
38 SHALL CERTIFY THE DIFFERENCE TO THE SECRETARY OF
39 THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT AND THE
40 TREASURER FOR PAYMENT TO PREVENT BLINDNESS
41 CONNECTICUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.

42 (e) THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES, AFTER
43 NOTIFICATION OF AND APPROVAL BY THE SECRETARY OF
44 THE OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT, MAY DEDUCT
45 AND RETAIN FROM THE FUNDS COLLECTED IN ACCORDANCE
46 WITH SUBSECTION (c) OF THIS SECTION, AN AMOUNT
47 EQUAL TO THE COSTS OF IMPLEMENTING SUBSECTIONS (c)
48 AND (d) OF THIS SECTION BUT NOT TO EXCEED SEVEN
49 AND ONE-HALF PER CENT OF THE FUNDS CONTRIBUTED IN
50 ANY FISCAL YEAR.

51 TRA COMMITTEE VOTE: YEA 19 NAY 2 JFS

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER sSB 185

STATE IMPACT	Cost, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	None
STATE AGENCY(S)	Department of Motor Vehicles, Office of Policy and Management, State Treasurer

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

One-time costs to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for the revision of the license application form and for re-programming the system to capture the contributions are expected to be \$20,000 and \$7,000, respectively.

Although the bill has a mechanism for recovering the costs of administering the program, if contributions are insufficient, costs, or any portion thereof, would be borne by the Transportation Fund.

No costs to the Office of Policy and Management and to the State Treasurer are anticipated.

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OLR BILL ANALYSIS

sSB 185

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FUND FOR PREVENT BLINDNESS
CONNECTICUT**

SUMMARY: This bill creates a way for people to donate

money to a not-for-profit organization, Prevent Blindness Connecticut, through driver's license applications and renewals. It requires the motor vehicles commissioner to revise the license application form to allow people to indicate their intention to contribute \$1 or more to the organization. The revised form must also describe the purpose for which the collection of contributions was created.

The commissioner must collect the designated contribution in addition to the required license fee and certify it to the secretary of the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) and the state treasurer for payment to the organization. The contribution is irrevocable once the license application is filed.

The bill allows the commissioner to keep a portion of the designated contributions, up to 7.5% in any fiscal year, to defray the costs of implementing the bill's requirements, subject to OPM's approval of the amount to be retained.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1998

BACKGROUND

Prevent Blindness Connecticut

Prevent Blindness Connecticut is a federal tax-exempt not-for-profit organization located in Middletown. It promotes preventing blindness through support of vision screening programs; public and professional education; community services; eye safety activities in home, industrial, and sports settings; and research.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute
Yea 19 Nay 2